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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft,

I am writing to you today to express my support of the settlement reached last November. Three years have past in which Microsoft has been subjected to legal harassment at both the state and federal level. I believe that the settlement is beneficiary in that it will allow Microsoft to focus on business.

The lifting of contractual restrictions under the terms of this settlement will have a major impact on the technology industry. Microsoft has agreed not to enter into any contracts with vendors or manufacturers that would favor Windows technology exclusively or at a fixed percentage. In addition, Microsoft will not enter into contracts that would obligate software developers to develop only Microsoft software.

These agreements should appease Microsoft competitors. I am just happy to see an end to this nonsense.

Sincerely,


Dorothy O'Flaherty